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MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S

Appeal For \$30,000 Easter Day.

Remarkable Showing of Expenditure
of Last Easter Day Money.

\$2,700 of It Given to Home Work.

Increased Help Promised
Next Year.

To the Beloved Bishops, Elders, Deacons, Pastors, S. S. Superintendents, Teachers, Members and Friends of the A. M. E. Church; Dear Fathers and Co-Laborers in the Vineyard of Christ:

It is with no ordinary degree of pleasure and satisfaction that I greet you upon this, the approach of another blessed Easter Day—a day made sacred by Protestantism the world over and the A. M. E. Church in particular to the cause of Christian missions in foreign lands.

Before asking your consideration of the burden of this appeal, you will please accept salvation, Christian affection and grateful acknowledgement from your humble servant, for the phenomenal support both in word and deed, by which the missionary work of the A. M. E. Church has been placed upon a solid basis of operation in all of her foreign as well as domestic fields.

This \$2,700 was distributed to assist pastors serving weak missions in Washington State, Oregon, the Indian Mission Conference, the Indian Territory Conference, Colorado, Missouri, Georgia, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, and South Carolina. We have been able to furnish assistance to some of these brethren during the time of their greatest need—the severe winter months, thus enabling them to remain at promising posts that otherwise must have deserted for lack of support.

The department has paid the passage of three missionaries to the West Coast of Africa, one to South America, one to Barbados, four to Bermuda, one to Nova Scotia, besides contributing a considerable sum towards the expenses of the Bishop visiting the South African field.

The salaries of 35 missionaries in foreign fields have been paid promptly every month.

One hundred missionaries, teachers and preachers are receiving the two Recorders, the VOICE OF MISSIONS, Sunday school supplies, at the hands of the missionary department, 7,000 tracts and 350 Bibles have been sent out.

This is, in brief outline, a showing of what has been done with the money placed in our hands last Easter Day: a more detailed report will be given in our annual statement.

\$30,000 given this Easter Day will enable the department to return to the several conferences half of the 40 percent received from them, thus inaugurating the long looked-for time when we could enter upon regular, systematic, and liberal donations to the home work as well as the foreign and removing the temptation and objection that "nothing is given to the home work by our efforts in raising missionary money." It must not be forgotten that our work is to look after home missions as well as foreign, and with increased funds this feature will be given larger attention than ever before.

Now if you will make a strong rally for our work is to look after home missions as well as foreign, and with increased funds this feature will be given larger attention than ever before.

Rally all day and remember that the law of the Church, page 326, paragraph 4th, 5th Book of Discipline, makes it your duty to send all of the money raised in your Sunday School and Church to the Societies of Missions for foreign missions.

This law makes it impossible for any other church or any quarterly Conference to hold in any of the meetings who labored in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware for God and his race. His name is recorded among those who attended the Christian Conference at Baltimore, Md., in 1784. From that day until his death, his effort was to extend the Church of God wherever his race was found. In 1816 Daniel Coker was sent out as the first missionary preacher of the A. M. E. Church.

One can see at a glance that our history of extraordinary growth has been a missionary history from start to finish. I might point you to Quin moving eastward in 1840; Handly, Lynch, Cain and Turner moving southward in '64; or to Ward's burrowing words upon the Pacific coast in the fifties. But you know of these all, the multiplied thousands of God's saved children who crowd to these places around our altars—they tell the story.

A NEW ERA

Confronts us new fields, white with harvest, are now before us. Bermuda, Nova Scotia, Barbados, St. Thomas, Turk's Island, South America, strung along Hayti and liberty-loving San Domingo, with wonderful possibilities and unmeasured usefulness are calling for our serious consideration and action.

While Africa, the treasure of the world, with her uncultivated millions of fertile soil, boundless stores of the finest metals and gold that the world ever saw; one hundred and fourteen thousand stalwart giants of human beings wrapped in heathen darkness, is pleading with a voice louder than distant thunders of rolling cloud storms to her enlightened Christian children far across the sea, for the light that made radiant Calvary's hill and the comfort that makes life worth living.

No purpose short of this could have filled the soul of the Great Emancipator of his race, Richard Allen, in founding the Church for which we labor and suffer.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Tribute to the Late Mrs. Martha E. Turner, Who Departed This Life

January 10th, 1898.

serfdom, intellectual blindness and religious tyranny was the fuel that fired his soul and nerved his purpose to do and dare for his race.

I thank God that you are not insensitive to the demands of the hour, that the connection is rising in the greatness of her strength and furnishing the men and women to do this noble work—men who are not afraid to suffer and die, if called to, thorn crowned, that the heathen in his blindness may be led to God.

APPEAL.

That this great work may be sustained, and that those who minister the word of life and salvation, may have a competency upon which to exist while they minister, I appeal to your great and liberal souls for \$30,000 Easter Day, April 10th.

You gave us \$7,000 last year, which put new life into the work and enabled us to open some 20 new stations and serve new churches, enter seven students in Wilberforce University, from South Africa, one in Central Tennessee College, where she is taking a course of medical studies at Normal, Ala. We gave also \$2,700.

The members of this Church, how in humble subordination to the will of God, we realize we have suffered a great loss in the death of our beloved sister, whom we all regarded as a model woman, a faithful Christian and a sympathetic friend.

Resolved, That this Church extend its sincerest sympathy with the bereaved husband, Bishop H. M. Turner, her mother and brothers, and trust that in the recollections of her, a wife, daughter and sister, they may ever find comfort and consolation.

Resolved, That as a Church, we will emulate her good works, and hope to meet in heaven.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and be inscribed in the records of the Church.

REPORTED BY ALICE DUGGAR CARY, STATE SECRETARY—W. H. AND F. M. S.

The memorial services for Mrs. Martha E. Turner were held in Bethel A. M. E. Church, Atlanta, Ga., Sunday, January 30, 1898, at 3 p. m., under the auspices of the W. H. and F. Missionary Society of that Church, of which Mrs. Turner was president.

The large Church was literally packed with friends and sympathizers, who began to assemble long before the appointed hour. The assemblage was now composed of an anomalous and intellectual worth represented, as well as for the depth of genuine feeling.

In front of the pulpit upon a small table a life-size portrait of Mrs. Turner had been placed and draped with beautiful leaves and flowers. This portrait was lovingly and tenderly carried to and from the Church by one of the oldest superannuated

ADDRESS MRS. S. M. McCAIN, of Bellwood.

Fa., tender our sympathy to the bereaved family, and also to the Branch Society with which she was directly connected. Truly our loss is her eternal gain. To lose our earnest and useful ones at such a time as this, brings us to feel more and more the

need Thee every hour," and then in a most fervent prayer as she knelt close to the sisters, she asked for strength and guidance for each one of us, that the work might grow, our numbers increase, that perishing souls might be rescued and the cause of Christ glorified. Last July when she was elected state president of our Missionary Society, the members, sufficing for her duties, filled with delight at this broad opening in life before her, and reconsecrating herself afresh to God's service, she threw her whole soul into all she undertook and spared no pains in making it a success.

This lesson comes to me: The worthiness of a human life. Such a life as hers, consecrated to the Master's use. And verily, I say unto you, wheresoever the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, there shall also this which this woman hath done be spoken of for a memorial of her. "She hath done what she could."

She was happiest when surrounded by her family and friends; but death called and she went willingly. The night was dark and stormy without, but within there was a holy quiet, only disturbed by the heavy breathing of a dying saint and the sobs of weeping friends.

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TO OUR READERS.

While we are gone to South Africa let our patrons of this paper pay regularly and work to keep the Voice of Missions alive. Every issue will have letters from us. Direct all letters, money orders, etc., to Voice of Missions, Atlanta, Ga.; then my chief secretary will have no trouble in getting it and using it to run the paper. Good-bye till we meet in the same.

H. M. T.

"THE APPEAL," a clean little sheet, sent out by Hon. C. H. Taylor of Atlanta, will do much good if properly looked after, which the editor can do if he will. We hope it will be a blessing to our race.

BISHOP A. GRANT, of Philadelphia, Pa. preached at Bethel A.M.E. church, Sabbath, Feb. 20th, and on Monday evening, Feb. 21st. He lectured upon the subject—*"A Plea for Suspension of Judgment upon the Negro."*

REV. DR. H. B. PARKS, Secretary of Missions, visited THE VOICE Monday, Feb. 21st. His words of encouragement cannot be overestimated. He was en route to Cleveland, Ohio from the Florida conference held at Jacksonville.

We regret very much indeed that one of our dear Bishops could spare the time from the multitudinous duties of their respective Episcopal Districts to go to West Africa, hold the Liberia and Sierra Leone Conferences, and ordain the required number of Deacons and Elders for the work of that important field.

It appears to have been unfortunate for Col. A. D. Candler to have written a letter that could so readily misapply, or be misinterpreted. Yet there is no disguising of the fact, regardless of who elected Gov. W. Y. Atkinson, he has, without doubt, done more to see that the Negro gets justice in this state than any other governor, living or dead. If the devil gives me a blessing I'll give him credit.

The Liberia Annual Conference convened on the 17th of February in The Eliza Turner Memorial, A. M. E. Church, Monrovia, Liberia, the capital city of the third Negro republic in the world. This church just completed is a living monument of the greatness of the American Negro's love for the land of his ancestors, and a beginning of the work of African Methodism upon the west coast of Africa, the end of which is far more pregnant with glory than language can portray.

Drs. C. T. Shaffer and L. J. Coppin never made more impressive speeches than they did at the reception of Bishop Turner in New York on the evening before the Bishop sailed for Africa. The former speaker said that the African M. E. Church was a Missionary Church, and that Bishop Turner was the greatest preacher that the Church had ever produced; that the Church would retain its place in the connections of Christendom, as it contributed to the extension of Christian missions in all lands.

The East Florida Conference, held in Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, Jacksonville, was a great stimulus to African Methodism in the Peninsula state.

The Conference reported an increase in finance over last for every department of the connection. The collection for Missions was per cent larger than in any year in its previous history. Doctor T. W. Hunter, son, H. T. Johnson, H. B. Parks, M. Moore, J. R. Hawkins, C. S. Smith and R. M. Cheeks attended the Conference in the interest of the respective departments they represent. Each of these general officers showed unusual interest in the presentation of their work to the Conference. The brethren of this Conference, as well as the people, are loud in their praise of Bishop Gaines as a presiding officer and gospel preacher.

Do you know how many of Prof. W. H. Croghan's books have been sold? We judge at least 50,000 copies. I hope this is true. It ought to be, to say the least, since whatever Prof. Croghan writes is readable. With Clark University and Gammaon Seminary and the great Methodist Episcopal Church with its boasted brain power, there is no reason why 10,000 copies should not be sold. You who have heard Prof. Croghan speak know him to be one of the ablest in the race. No man of color has done more to help this land to send out men and women to bless her.

Harvestmen of life who should bless her. Unlike a great number who live... come in the name of the heathens. Lockland... Lord, he has remained for London... else besides loves and Mainville... Prof. Croghan deserves what Mansfield... Church can give.

MAKE THE MOST OF LIFE.

We are living in an age when it behoves us to be prepared for the worst. This is sort of a rapid transit period; everything is done at lightning speed. In fact, electricity takes an important part in the everyday affairs of life.

Life is but a fleeting moment; while in the midst of it, we are suddenly stricken with disease; death. We are here to-day and gone to-morrow. How necessary then that we have a care for our own welfare and those dependent upon us.

An excellent example of one who did this was published in our February issue, in the experience of Mr. Hebron Petch, of Grierville, Ontario. Since the article appeared, we have obtained additional information regarding this remarkable and helpful occurrence.

It seems the case of Mr. Petch is the most extraordinary in the medical annals of Canada.

He was seriously ill for five years with a disease called spinal sclerosis, an uncommon but fatal malady. He lost the use of his limbs; his flesh seemed dead and a pin run full length into any part of his body could not be felt. He was unable to open his mouth enough to take solid food. His condition attracted wide attention; many doctors examined him, all of whom said he could not recover.

Fortunately, when in good health Mr. Petch had taken out an insurance policy in the Canadian Mutual Life Association. During his illness, the leading medical experts of this association gave a most careful examination of Mr. Petch's case. They pronounced him incurable and consequently he received \$1,000, as a disability claim in full, of his policy.

Mr. Petch lingered in his fearful condition for several months, his case baffling skillful medical treatment. Finally, some friends advised the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, a remedy which has cured many diseases, because its acts directly on the impure blood, the source of disease.

He took a few of the pills; soon there was a slight change in his condition. He noticed a tendency to sweat; this caused some unease in his helpless body. As he continued taking the pills, a prickling sensation was felt in his limbs and this began to course steadily through his body. One by one the symptoms of his disease were overcome and in due time the blood was enriched, and Mr. Petch was restored to health. Today he goes about his business perfectly well and there is no doubt that his cure is permanent.

This is the history of one of the most remarkable cases in modern times. Is it not a miracle of modern medicine? Surely, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are worthy the consideration of all suffering persons.

BUSINESS EDUCATION.

In a lecture to young men and women, Henry Ward Beecher once said: "Whatever avocation you may choose for your life work, there can be no question but that the first step is to obtain a practical business education."

We cannot afford to dispense with higher culture, neither can we with the skill that provides the means to secure it. Financial success gives power and permanence. Our race ought to give particular attention to this intensely practical part of a well rounded training for life. It is better to spend a few months in careful preparation for the business details of every day life than it is to be weighed in the balance and found wanting, in these essential things, by practical hard headed business men at a critical period in the struggle for position and influence.

There are few reputable business schools in the South that open their doors to young people. During the past year one such school, exclusively equipped with large lecture, furniture and extensive office department, has been organized in connection with Berea College, Berea, Ky. Expenses are remarkably low there and a very cordial invitation has been extended to our young people to share the good things offered by the school.

Information regarding the Berea College Business School will gladly be furnished by its principal, E. A. Potter, Berea, Ky. If you are interested in business education do not fail to write him about it.

EVERY A. M. E. preacher who cannot or will not study at home, whether he be old or young, and continues to trouble the church for something to do, or preach, ought to take himself to the Theological department of Morris Brown College, or else get him an ax, how or plow. We have a number who go to the bishop or presiding elders about conference time asking to get near Atlanta, and several have been allowed to "get near Atlanta."

What have they done? They haven't gone to Morris Brown—they didn't intend to go, and they do not mean to go. What have they told?

BISHOP GRANT said to Bishop Turner at a meeting of a thousand people in Bethel Church, Friday night, the 11th inst., "that the First Episcopal District would lead the A. M. E. Church next Easter day in the offering for Foreign Missions." This is a big statement but Drs. Cook, Henderson, Coppin and a host of others cried, "That is true." Bishop Derrick looked up at his fearless colleague, and then dropped his head. It may be that some of the men in the 8th Episcopal District can explain that significant look of their unsurpassed leader for Christian love.

A. GRANT.

EASTER DAY must be looked after by the church. Dr. Parks did very well last Easter, yet not as well as might have been expected. He had a lot of these grumbler and disgruntled men of preachers done as he will be. Presiding Elders must ask each in their district to do so much, and if he has been called of God and is worth the salt that goes in his bread he will do it. Please do not come up to the Annual Conference with excuses, as a number of the worthless pastors and Presiding Elders do, for it says plainly that you do not deserve your charge.

We understand that the colored physi-

cians of Atlanta get a fair percentage

and are giving general satisfaction,

and all the abuse that is heaped upon the Negroes they do fairly well, be-

cause they have not been trained for

years and years to trust their lives in

the hands of people who are exhibiting

how little they know. Time will bring about all things, physicians.

A PREACHER said a few days ago:

"It is harder for a man to be a suc-

cessful hypocrite in this generation

than ever before. The means of de-

tection are so numerous that escape is

almost an impossibility. We live un-

der the fierce electric light of the press,

which makes privacy a thing

not to be dreamed of."

CAPTAIN C. C. WIMBUSH has been recently appointed surveyor of customs at Atlanta, Ga., by President McKinley. Mr. Wimhurst has lived in Atlanta for more than twenty years. We learn that he held the best kind of endorsements from his party as well as the best Democrats of this city.

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